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SUBJECT: STRUCTURAL PESTICIDE ENFORCEMENT FEE INCREASE

Per adoption of AB 1177 (Bocanegra – 2013) chaptered October 5, 2013, the enforcement fee collected for each structural pesticide fumigation performed within the county will be increasing from \$5.00 to \$8.00 effective January 1, 2014. This fee had not been increased since 1993, when initiated as part of an industry-supported pilot program in the County of Los Angeles to increase compliance among pest control operators and intended to provide additional protections to employees, residents, animals, plants, and the environment through increased regulatory activities funded by the per-fumigation fee. The program was subsequently expanded to include the Counties of Orange, San Diego, and Santa Clara.

AB 1177 amends Section 8698 of the Business and Professions Code of California, which empowers the California Department of Pesticide Regulation to administer this program, and extends operations until January 1, 2018. This law authorizes the County Agricultural Commissioner to perform increased structural fumigation inspection and enforcement activities, supported by revenues generated from the regulated industry. AB 1177 also revises the monthly report that must be submitted to the Agricultural Commissioner to require listing of all addresses in the respective county at which a structural fumigation was performed during the prior month. Pest control operators must continue to file a Structural Fumigation Notice of Intent prior to each fumigation, providing contact information as well as the date and location of each planned fumigation.

AB 1177 had the support of the California Agricultural Commissioner and Sealers Association (CACASA), the Pest Control Operators of California (the respective trade association), and Terminix.

Prior to the severe economic downturn in 2008 and substantial decreases in home sales, Los Angeles County typically experienced an average of 50,000 structural fumigations per year (commonly associated with property sales transactions). From 2010 through 2012, there were 85,351 fumigations in the County of Los Angeles and 4,148 inspections performed. Recent signs of improvement in the housing market will almost certainly result in significant increases in annual structural fumigations. The 60% increase in per-fumigation fee rates will generate proportional increases in revenue to support this valuable program.

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